

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

DEBORA A. MITCHELL,

Plaintiff,

v.

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL
SECURITY,

Defendant.

Case No. 17-14085

Honorable Laurie J. Michelson

Magistrate Judge Mona K. Majzoub

**ORDER ACCEPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION [17], GRANTING
PLAINTIFF’S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT [14] AND DENYING
DEFENDANT’S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT [15]**

Before the Court is Magistrate Judge Mona K. Majzoub’s November 28, 2018, Report and Recommendation. (ECF No. 17.) At the conclusion, Magistrate Judge Majzoub notified the parties that they were required to file any objections within fourteen days of service, as provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 72(b)(2) and Eastern District of Michigan Local Rule 72.1(d), and that “[f]ailure to file specific objections constitutes a waiver of any further right of appeal.” (ECF No. 17, PageID.590.) It is now December 13, 2018. As such, the time to file objections has expired. No objections have been filed.

The Court finds that the parties’ failure to object is a procedural default, waiving review of the Magistrate Judge’s findings by this Court. In *United States v. Walters*, 638 F.2d 947, 949–50 (6th Cir. 1981), the Sixth Circuit established a rule of procedural default, holding that “a party shall file objections with the district court or else waive right to appeal.” And in *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 144 (1985), the Supreme Court explained that the Sixth Circuit’s waiver-of-appellate-review rule rested on the assumption “that the failure to object may constitute a

procedural default waiving review even at the district court level.” 474 U.S. at 149; *see also* *Garrison v. Equifax Info. Servs., LLC*, No. 10-13990, 2012 WL 1278044, at *8 (E.D. Mich. Apr. 16, 2012) (“The Court is not obligated to review the portions of the report to which no objection was made.” (citing *Thomas*, 474 U.S. at 149–52)). The Court further held that this rule violates neither the Federal Magistrates Act nor the Federal Constitution.

The Court therefore finds that the parties have waived further review of the Magistrate Judge’s Report and accepts her recommended disposition. It follows that Plaintiff’s motion for summary judgment (ECF No. 14) is GRANTED and the Commissioner’s motion (ECF No. 15) is DENIED, and that the case be remanded to the Commissioner under sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Laurie J. Michelson
LAURIE J. MICHELSON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Date: December 13, 2018

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was served upon counsel of record and/or pro se parties on this date, December 13, 2018, using the Electronic Court Filing system and/or first-class U.S. mail.

s/William Barkholz
Case Manager